



114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Dams Accountability,  
5 Maintenance, and Safety Act".

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT BENE-**  
7 **FITS.**

8 The Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (43  
9 U.S.C. 506 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 3, by striking "Construction" and  
11 inserting "Except as provided in section 5B, con-  
12 struction"; and

1           (2) by inserting after section 5A (43 U.S.C.  
2           509) the following:

3   **“SEC. 5B. ADDITIONAL PROJECT BENEFITS.**

4           “Notwithstanding section 3, if the Secretary deter-  
5   mines that additional project benefits, including additional  
6   conservation storage capacity, are feasible and not incon-  
7   sistent with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is au-  
8   thorized to develop additional project benefits through the  
9   construction of new or supplementary works on a project  
10  in conjunction with the Secretary’s activities under section  
11  2 and subject to the conditions described in the feasibility  
12  study, provided that—

13           “(1) the Secretary determines that developing  
14   additional project benefits through the construction  
15   of new or supplementary works on a project will pro-  
16   mote more efficient management of water and  
17   water-related facilities;

18           “(2) the feasibility study pertaining to addi-  
19   tional project benefits has been authorized pursuant  
20   to section 8 of the Federal Water Project Recreation  
21   Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–18); and

22           “(3) the costs associated with developing the  
23   additional project benefits are allocated to the au-  
24   thorized purposes of the structure and repaid con-  
25   sistent with all provisions of Federal Reclamation

1 law (the Act of June 17, 1902, 43 U.S.C. 371 et  
2 seq.) and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of  
3 that Act.”.